



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS WILL ATTEND ORATORICAL FESTIVAL, JUNE 3rd; CELEBRATE LITURGY AT THE CATHEDRAL, JUNE 4

As we all know, our Metropolis and, the Cathedral in particular, have been honored to host the 2006 Archdiocese St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Two finalists from each of the nine Metropolises of our Archdiocese, together with their families, will come to San Francisco to compete in the finals. The finals will be held at the **Annunciation Cathedral** Saturday, June 3rd, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Parishioners and friends of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the finals, which will take place in our Chapel. It will be an historic occasion both for the Cathedral and for our Metropolis.

Upon arrival, on Friday, June 2, finalists and their families will go to the Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf, where they will be housed for the duration of the Festival. There, they will be greeted and given a welcome kit and gift bag. That evening, they will be guests for dinner at **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco**. On Saturday, following the finals they will attend an awards banquet at the Cathedral, followed by a tour of City landmarks. That evening, they will be guests of **Ascension Cathedral**, Oakland, which will host a BBQ dinner and glendi. On Sunday morning, they will attend Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral, before leav-

ing for home. The Liturgy will be celebrated by **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**.

The entire Greek Orthodox community is cordially invited to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 4, which will mark the culmination of the historic 2006 Archdiocese Oratorical Festival. The Liturgy will begin at 10:30 a.m., preceded by Orthros, at 9 a.m.



## SAVE THE DATE: CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES ITS 85th BIRTHDAY AT CITY HALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

As noted in last month's Herald, excitement is mounting as we prepare to mark the Cathedral's 85th anniversary. The anniversary celebration will be held in the **Rotunda of City Hall** on Sunday, November 12, 2006. It will take the form of a reception, followed by a seated dinner, catered by McCall's Associates, with music and entertainment. **Archbishop Demetrios of America** will be our special guest of honor and San Francisco's Mayor **Gavin Newsom** will be our official host. All because,

85 years ago, the decision was made to create the Cathedral and place the headquarters the Greek Orthodox Church for the Western States right here in San Francisco.

**Gumas Advertising** has come up with a beautiful save the date card, which will be mailed out shortly. For now, just mark the date on your calendars and plan to be with us. In due time, invitations will be sent out. At that time, we would ask you to respond as soon as possible, because seating in the Rotunda is limited. At the same

time, we would ask you to consider being an event sponsor. As you can imagine, putting on a black tie event of this kind is very costly. Yet, we wanted to keep the ticket at \$150--barely enough to cover the cost--to enable our people to attend. And, so, we will look to parishioners and friends of the Cathedral for additional support by being sponsors of this historic anniversary. We look forward to a memorable 85th anniversary, as we celebrate our *past, our present, and our future*.



## FOOD FESTIVAL CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 29, 30, OCTOBER 1

*(New dates due to competing events in the City)*

eFoula Vasilogiorgis, this year's festival chair, and her brother Manuel Pappas (co-chair) have kicked-off this year's planning with two meetings attended by over 15 enthusiastic and willing volunteers. Lots of new ideas were expressed and are being considered for inclusion in this year's festival

Committees are being formed to handle the main aspects of the planning for this year's festival. Volunteers have stepped forward to chair various committees, but we would like to include more members of our church community in this, the largest fundraising event of the year. Do you have any suggestions on how we may make this festival, in the 85th year of our church community in San Francisco, a festival to remember? We welcome your input. Please contact Foula either by e-mail at [fvasilogiorgis@pacgrow.com](mailto:fvasilogiorgis@pacgrow.com) or by telephoning her at (415) 378-7200. She'll also be available during coffee hour following church services on Sundays. With your participation, we look forward to a most successful Festival.

## HELEN MUNGUIA PROCLAIMED MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Saturday, May 13 was a spectacular day. It was the day of our annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion show, sponsored by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos. The food was outstanding. The fashion show was one of our best ever—the little children stole the show! As always, we proclaim a Mother of the Year. This year, Helen Munguia was named, a most deserving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Axia! Worthy!

Our mother of the year was born in San Francisco on December 5, 1916, to John and Anna Koffageorgios, both natives of Messinias, Greece. She is the youngest of two daughters. She was raised in San Francisco and attended Everett Junior High and Mission High School.

On March 14, 1937, she married her late husband, Louis Munguia, known as Louie, in a remarkable and elegant double wedding, with her sister Virginia and her husband James Drosos. The wedding was officiated by Fr. Vassilios Lokis. We were reminded of this remarkable day, when one of her great-grandchildren modeled her wedding dress in our 2004 Mother's Day luncheon featuring wedding dresses worn by our parishioners.

Helen and her husband Louie soon started their family, eventually having five children, Annette Eliopoulos, Louise Kallas, Dorothy Riedel, John Munguia, and Elaine Karadais. Helen was the bedrock of her family. While raising five children, she was helping her husband run several businesses in San Francisco which included a liquor store, grocery store, a coffee shop and several cocktail lounges.

Helen has been a member of the Annunciation Cathedral community since its early beginnings as St Sophia, precursor to the Annunciation Cathedral. She was a member of the Annunciation's very first choir in 1933 and has been a member of the Philoptochos Society for many years.

In 1978 Helen and Louie purchased Trader' Sams cocktail lounge on Geary Street. Trader' Sams is well known in San Francisco for its Polynesian drinks and has received honorable mention several times in the SF Chronicle and other local papers. To this day she still owns Trader' Sams with two of her children.

Throughout the years, Helen has taught her children and family the importance of their Orthodox faith. All of Helen's children were baptized and married at the Annunciation Cathedral. Two of her daughters, Annette and Louise, followed in her footsteps by also having a double wedding. Annette's and Louise's 1961 double wedding was the first marriage officiated by the Annunciation's new priest, Fr. John Geranios.

Helen is a proud grandmother of 19 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren, who have been, and are currently very active in the church today serving as altar boys, GOYA members, members of the Board of Trustees, participate in the Sunday School program, sports programs, dance group, and summer camps. Her family is very grateful for her love, support and spiritual guidance that have taught them the importance of family and church.

# From our 2006 Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show



## TULA KALLAS, COORDINATOR OF YOUR CATERED SPECIAL EVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is pleased to announce that our Korinthias Hall is available for your special event—Baptism, Wedding, Anniversary Reception (to name a few). To assist you in planning your event, the Cathedral has engaged the services of Mrs. Tula Kallas. As a full service coordinator, Tula will assist you through every step of the process, both with respect to the engagement of your caterer and décor, including seat covers, table cloths, table arrangements, trees, and lighting. If you would like to consider the Hall for your event, tour the facility, or reserve a date, call Mrs. Kallas, at 510 432-0194. Thank you for considering the Annunciation Cathedral as the site of your next catered special event.

## COMMUNITY LINK: OUR NEXT GATHERING IS JUNE 17

Please join our next Community Link on Saturday June 17, 10:00 am at the Annunciation. We will not be preparing food or sharing in our regular potluck for our June, July and August Community Link gatherings (to respect everyone's busy summer schedules!). Instead, we will gather over coffee to make our visit assignments at 10am, then go make our visits by 10:30am.

### Community Link Summer Schedule:

Saturday, June 17, 10am  
(done by Noon)

Saturday, July 15, 10am  
(done by Noon)

Saturday, August 19, 10am  
(done by Noon)

We visit folks who are experiencing isolation because of age or illness, undergoing a particularly stressful time due to the death of a loved one or loss of a job, or celebrating a joyful occasion, such as the birth of a child.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit, please call **Irene Avdoulos**, our visitation coordinator, at (415) 863-6981. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact **Caroline Pappajohn** at (415) 699-5633, or via email at cpappajohn@yahoo.com.

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL TO LAUNCH CONCERT SERIES

On Saturday, June 10, Annunciation Cathedral will present its first in a series of concerts. Beginning at 7 p.m., the locally-based professional classical music ensemble Bay Area Classical Harmonies (BACH) will present a program entitled "Memory Eternal: Music for the Dead, from Bach to Byzantine Chant."

The concert will take place in the Cathedral Chapel, which has wonderful acoustics, and coincides with this year's Saturday of Souls. Under the direction of John Boyer, the ensemble will present a program consisting of J. S. Bach's motet Jesu Meine Freude, as well as excerpts from both the Greek and Slavic repertoires for the Orthodox Funeral Service.

The concert will also be presented in Oakland and in Berkeley, as part of the Fringe of the Berkeley Festival and Exhibition (<http://bfx.berkeley.edu/bfx/>). To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit [www.bayareabach.org](http://www.bayareabach.org).



## ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO GREEK FILM FESTIVAL

Monday, June 5

Sunday, June 11, 2006

7:30 pm Showtime

\*Saturday night Double Feature  
begins at 6pm\*

Delancey Street Screening Room  
600 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Come and enjoy modern Greek films that have received acclaim in Greece and throughout the world. This year's films are from veteran and up-and-coming producers and directors, and explore various topics in contemporary life in different regions of Greece. One feature film and various modern Greek "shorts" (10-20 minute long short films) will be shown each night of the week. The Festival will also include an American-made documentary on civilian insurgency on the island of Crete during WW II. All Greek films will have English subtitles.

There will be an opening-night reception immediately following the feature film. Tickets to the opening-night and reception start at \$60.

To purchase tickets, make a donation or for more information on the films and the Festival, please visit the Festival's website at:  
[www.grfilm.com](http://www.grfilm.com)

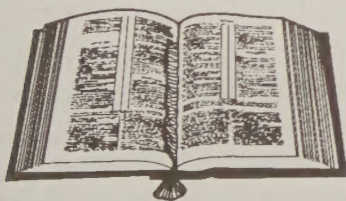
The Film Festival is sponsored by the Modern Greek Studies Foundation, the Center for Modern Greek Studies, The Nikos Kazantzakis Chair at San Francisco State University, and the Athens Film Center. Proceeds benefit the MGSF and the Center for Modern Greek Studies at SFSU. The films are part of an international tour which includes New York, Boston, Chicago, Canada and Israel.

For more information on the Center for Modern Greek Studies at SFSU, please visit [www.sfsu.edu/~modgreek](http://www.sfsu.edu/~modgreek)

# FOCUS ON YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Parents, relatives and friends of our Sunday School children and young adults are invited to attend our graduation, which will take place following the Sunday of Pentecost Services, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Sunday, June 11. Afterwards, all are invited to share in a light luncheon, hosted by our Sunday School. Sunday School will not meet during the summer, but will resume Sunday, September 10. Normally, we wait until after the Food Festival to begin Sunday School. However, since the Festival has been moved to September 29, September 30 and October 1, we will not have classes on October 1, but will start our program Sunday, September 10. We thank all who have contributed to the success of this year's program—students, teachers, parents, and support staff.



*The human family  
constitutes the primary  
and essential element  
of human society.*

*Peace in society  
will be a direct result  
of peace in the family.*

*Saint John Chrysostom  
Fourth Century, Antioch*



## ANNUNCIATION BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Annunciation coaches, players, scorekeepers, and supporters for a most successful and enjoyable 2006 OYAA basketball season. As ambassadors of our Cathedral, you have represented the Annunciation in the highest tradition of sportsmanship and goodwill.

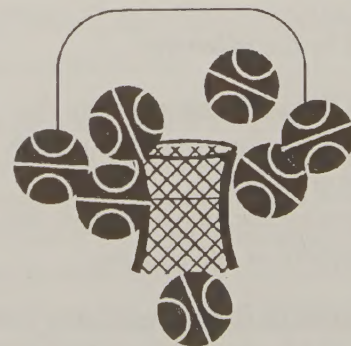
During this past season, our Annunciation Cathedral not only sponsored 10 teams, with over 100 parish members participating, but also hosted over 70 games in our Korinthias Hall! Kudos to our boys' C Team (ages 7-10) for winning the league championship, our girls' A

Team (ages 10-13) for winning the tournament championship, our girls' High School Team for placing second in the tournament and to our women's team for extending their record to 71 wins and 1 loss, while capturing their 8th straight league championship and 9th tournament championship.

To commemorate this season, an all-girls BBQ is being planned for Sunday, July 2, at the home of Mike Canellos. In addition, an awards banquet for all players and fans will be hosted at the Cathedral on Wednesday, September 20.

## SUMMER INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL CLINIC

Please mark your calendars for the week of July 10-15 and July 17-24. Annunciation Cathedral, under the direction of Mike Canellos, is offering a basketball instructional clinic for boys and girls, ages 8-14. The girls basketball clinic will take place July 10 through July 15, and the boys basketball clinic will take place July 17-24. Both clinics will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Gym. The clinic is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game and to improve the skills of children who already know something about the game. We are pleased to announce that we will have guest instructors teach the sessions. These instructors have distinguished themselves in basketball by playing not only here at the Annunciation Cathedral but on the college level as well. The clinic is free for members of the Cathedral. A fee of \$100 will apply to non-members. For further information, please call 415 864-8815.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

For 2006, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation will provide the following scholarships:

1. The John N. Pappas Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.,
2. The Christos Tsikitas Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.,
3. The Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelos Medical Scholarship, in the amount of \$500., and
4. The Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.

For 2006, the Cathedral of the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos will provide the following scholarships:

1. A Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., and
2. The Argyres Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.

Students and prospective students are invited to request an application by calling the Cathedral at 415 864-8000 or by writing to The Scholarship Subcommittee, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94103-2320. The application must be completed and returned by **June 1, 2006**.

The application must also be accompanied by the following:

\* **An Official Transcript** from the Office of the Registrar at your High School or College (University/Vocational School) AND Recent SAT or ACT Scores.

\* **A Letter of Recommendation** from ONE (1) Member in Good Standing

with the Cathedral of the Annunciation OR the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos.

Additionally, the applicant must be a member of the Annunciation Cathedral.

If applying for a Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship, preference will be given to you if you are, or your mother is, a member of the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos.

Applicants for the Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelos and the Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarships must be of Greek descent or of the Greek Orthodox faith. These scholarships are awarded to students who matriculate at and attend medical/law school, preferably at Stanford University/University of San Francisco and intend to practice medicine/law within the nine county area surrounding San Francisco Bay, preferably San Francisco.

Up to 75% of the income earned by the Bagatelos Scholarship Fund is awarded in the form of a scholarship for tuition or other school-related expenses. Typically, the scholarship is awarded to the same student until that student graduates from medical school, provided that, after submitting the initial application, the student requests the medical school to verify to the Annunciation Cathedral, in writing, by June 1, that the student has satisfactorily completed course work for the year.

As for the Vavuris Scholarship, the scholarship is awarded by the Annunciation Cathedral, in concert with the Hellenic Law Society.

## SUMMER INSTITUTE TO FOCUS ON BIOETHICAL ISSUES

The Annual PAOI Summer Institute theme will be "Orthodox Perspectives on Bioethical Challenges." The Summer Institute will be held June 14-17, 2006 at PAOI. The teachers will be Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas, Dr. Gayle Woloschak and Rev. John Schroedel.

Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas will give two presentations. The first will be "A Survey of Orthodox Doctrine with Implications for Bioethics Spelled Out." The second will be "Ethical Decision-making with Bioethics Issues as Examples." Fr. Harakas is internationally known for his work and many books and articles on Orthodox ethics. He is Archbishop Iakovos Professor Emeritus at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Dr. Gayle Woloschak will also give two presentations. Her first will be "Science-Faith Interface: Embryos, Environment, Evolution." The second will be "Does Science Influence Religion. Does Religion Influence Science?" Dr. Woloschak is Professor of Radiology and Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University and Adjunct Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She also chairs committees for NASA and the National Institute of Health. An Orthodox Christian, she is a member of the Social and Moral Issues Commission of SCOBA and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Committee on Science and Technology.

The third set of presentations will be from Rev. John Schroedel. His first

will be "Embodiment in Orthodox Theology" and the second will be "Cutting-edge Issues in Bioethics." Fr. Schroedel is currently working on a Ph.D. in Bioethics at the University of Chicago. He is a priest at Christ the Savior Church (OCA) in Chicago.

This year's Summer Institute is being held in collaboration with the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion (OCAMPR) with financial support from the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation. The cost for attending the entire Summer Institute is \$150. For more information, contact the Institute, 510-649-3450.

## AN ORTHODOX RESPONSE TO THE DA VINCI CODE

*What do Dan Brown and Chris Carter Have in Common?*

**T**he recent cultural phenomenon surrounding Dan Brown's fictional novel *The Da Vinci Code* has much in common with the 90's appeal of Chris Carter's TV series, *The X-Files*. Both seem to be taking advantage of an attitude of suspicion that characterizes much of the postmodern generation. While Brown's cast of Langdon and Sophia stealthily rush from one clue to another through Parisian back allies, FBI Agents, Mulder and Scully, rummage through one X-File conspiracy theory after another in search of a truth that Carter insists is "out there." Yet, while both Brown and Carter warn their viewers to "trust no one" they nonetheless enthrone themselves as the source of their respective truth. The real truth, however, is that the *X-Files* is **science fiction**, and *The Da Vinci Code* is **ecclesiastical fiction**!

Postmoderns are suspicious individuals. They quickly reject authority as powerful suppressors and manipulators of history while uncritically becoming disciples of any and all conspiracy theories. Ciphers and mythologies have replaced definitions and creeds... superstition and cultural paranoia conflict with logic and enduring faith.

The articles on this web page have been assembled to provide real seekers of "Truth" with an opportunity for honest dialogue. Since Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* is based on so many inaccuracies - our goal is to help set an appropriate basis for a healthy discussion concerning the cultural merits of Christianity by first setting the historical, scriptural and theological record straight!

**Father Frank Marangos**

*Executive Director of Communications  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese*

### Current Articles

#### **The Da Vinci Code: The X-Files of Ancient Lies**

**Rev. Fr. Frank Marangos, D.Min., Ed.D.**

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9555.asp>

The early Church spent much of its time debunking heresies. Wrestling with the chaos of contending beliefs the Church was compelled to differentiate itself between Marcionism, Arianism, Nestorianism and other ancient lies by legitimately formulating its theological views through the gathering of both clergy and laity in Ecumenical Councils.

#### **The Da Vinci Code: Decoding the Agenda**

**Rev. Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos, Th.D.**

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9576.asp>

Literature and film, as all art, do not merely entertain. It is in their nature to convey the principles and values of their creators and so they instruct in subtle or not-so-subtle ways. Much has been written and said about Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. Potential viewers, as they evaluate the film for themselves, ought to be mindful of the whopping historical falsehoods on which the book is based.

#### **Embracing the Mystery Behind the Cross and Scrapping the Da Vinci Code**

**Rev. Fr. Charles Joanides, Ph.D., LMFT**

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9550.asp>

There is a book that has captured the world's attention called *The Da Vinci Code*. This book is a work of fiction, but many are arguing that it is based on certain secrets that have been suppressed for centuries by the Catholic Church.

#### **Debunking The Da Vinci Code**

**Rev. Fr. Steven Tsichlis**

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9540.asp>

*The Da Vinci Code* is a murder mystery shrouded in a conspiracy theory, a novelistic thriller, an airplane book, the kind of book you read when you want to waste time, an easy read that combines a fast narrative pace with short chapters.

## The Christ Code: Sermon on the Myrrhbearing Women Sunday

Rev. Fr. Dumitru Macaila, Ph.D.

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9568.asp>

It has been called a brainy thriller. Exceedingly clever! A gripping mix of murder and myth! A spellbinding re-examination of 2,000 years of Christian history! You've probably read it: *The Da Vinci Code*. Dan Brown's popular page-turner soared to the top of The New York Times best-seller list, and became the topic of heated conversations in book clubs and Bible studies across the country.

## A Lexicographical Look at the Da Vinci Code

Rev. Fr. Mark Sietsema, Ph.D.

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9579.asp>

*The Da Vinci Code* is a work of fiction—this is a point that the author, Dan Brown, has repeatedly emphasized in the face of critical analysis of his novel. And yet no sophisticated reader can be quite satisfied with that response.

## The Da Vinci Code Movie (Not Based on a True Story)

Rev. Fr. Angelo Artemas

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9539.asp>

It has been three years since Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* first became a bestseller, and fascination with the novel has led to a movie produced by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks.

## What are the Apocrypha and the Da Vinci Code Claims?

Presbytera Eugenia Constantinou

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9547.asp>

In general, "apocrypha" refers to books that were rejected from the canon of Scripture. But the term has different meanings depending upon if it is applied to the Old or New Testaments and whether Catholics, Protestants or Orthodox Christians use it.

## Who is Jesus?

Rev. Deacon Evangelos Evangelidis

<http://www.goarch.org/en/ourfaith/articles/article9567.asp>

Many people are intrigued by the claims presented about Jesus Christ, Church history, and Christianity in Dan Brown's best selling fictional thriller, the *Da Vinci Code*. It has been an extremely popular novel which has sold over 30 million copies world wide and has been translated into many languages. The *Da Vinci Code* has also been turned into a major motion picture starring Tom Hanks.

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*As a bird without wings,  
as a soldier without arms,  
so is a Christian  
without prayer.*

*Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk  
Eighteenth Century*

## SUMMER CAMPS



## ANNUNCIATION 7th ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPING TRIP

A sell-out, year after year, Annunciation's Family Camp, held at the Casini Ranch Family Campground along the Russian River, is now in its 7th year. Experience the beauty and excitement of California's North Coast. One hundred twenty acres of family fun and a mile of sandy waterfront await you. Enjoy hiking, bicycling, volleyball, softball, horse-shoes, and fishing. Drift along the river in a canoe or just relax on the beach. A general store, hot showers, laundromat, playground and, of course, kitchen and eating facilities, are some of the facilities available on site.

This year's camp will take place **July 27-August 1**.

The cost for a family of 2 persons, which includes all meals, is \$370; for a family of 3 persons, it is \$390; for a family of 4 persons it is \$410; and, for a family of 5 persons, it is \$430. Reservations and fees are due by July 1. For reservations and information, please call **Ari Stratakis**, Camp Director, at 650 737-0430 (days) or 650 588-5072 (evenings). Space is limited: reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

## ST. NICHOLAS RANCH SUMMER CAMPS 2006

St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center will offer four sessions this year: July 9-15; July 16-22; July 23-29; and July 30-August 5. New this year is a special "PK" week (for children and grandchildren of clergy).

Applications are available on-line, [www.stnicholasranch.org/summer\\_camp.htm](http://www.stnicholasranch.org/summer_camp.htm). For more information about the camping program at St. Nicholas or to inquire about being a counselor or counselor in training, call Pete Sotiras, Camp Director, [sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org](mailto:sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org)

## HOW ABOUT SUMMER CAMP ALONG THE IONIAN SEA?

Not for the organizers of this year's camp at Ionian Village. In fact, they are offering a \$200 credit for early registrants. Two programs are offered. One is the Summer Travel Camp, for those in grades 7 through 9, and Byzantine Venture, for those in Grades 10 through 12.

For further information, please call 646 519-6190 or e mail [ionianvillage@goarch.org](mailto:ionianvillage@goarch.org).

## SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG GREEKS LIVING ABROAD: JULY, 2006

We have learned that the General Secretariat for Greeks Living Abroad is organizing a summer camp for youth of Greek Origin at Malesinia, Fthiotida, July 10 to July 29.

Participants must be between 8 and 12 years of age. All expenses, including travel to and from New York, hotels, food, and educational and entertainment programs are paid for. The program includes language classes, visits to historical, archaeological

and cultural venues, traditional dance classes, musical and cultural shows, swimming, sports, games and craft workshops. The deadline for submitting applications is **May 12, 2006**. For further information call the Consulate General of Greece at 415 775-2102 or E mail, [sfgr@greekembassy.org](mailto:sfgr@greekembassy.org)

Meanwhile, do jot down the first week in August. This is when Annunciation's own camp, under the

leadership of **Ari Stratakis** and our camping committee, takes place at the Cassini Ranch, along the beautiful Russian River. This family camp has grown over the last five years and has become a summer destination more and more of our young people, and their families, look forward to. More information on this camp, as well as the camps at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, will appear in forthcoming issues of the Herald.

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## Sacraments & Services

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### BAPTISMS

Deanna Sophia, daughter of Bill Vasilios Aivaliklis and Melissa Leah Bergeron, was baptized at the Cathedral April 8. Her sponsor is Alex Aivaliklis.

Theodore, son of Donald Andersen and Constance Ivy, was baptized at the Cathedral April 22. His sponsor is Nektarios (Norman L.) McKnight.

Katerina Eleni, daughter of Brian Garrett Gardner and Eugenia Panomitros, was baptized at the Cathedral May 21. Her sponsor is Lee Kourtoglou.

Jace Anthony, son of Norman Matthew Foge and Sarah Efbafania Mountanos, was baptized at the Cathedral May 21. His sponsor is Melanie Mountanos.

### MARRIAGE

Damien John Holloway and Vicki Eleni Carnegis were united in Holy Matrimony at the Cathedral May 20. Their sponsor is Paul Demes.

*Na Mas Zisoun! Long Life!*

### FUNERALS

A trisaghion for William Reinhart Bower, who fell asleep in the Lord March 23, was offered March 30. (Funeral services were held in Oregon.) His next of kin is his brother-in-law, George Vasil.

George A. Mavroudis, who fell asleep in the Lord April 2, was buried April 7. His next of kin are: his daughter, Katherine Garibaldi, and sons, Tasso and Michael Mavroudis, and their families.

Anastasia (Anna) Dricos, who fell asleep in the Lord May 9, was buried May 15. Her next of kin is her brother, Dean Dricos, and his family.

*Aionia I mnimi! May their Memory be eternal!*



# ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΙΣ

## Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΟΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΑΓΙΟ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΡΗΤΟΡΙΚΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ· ΘΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΗΣΕΙ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟ ΝΑΟ ΣΤΙΣ 4 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ

Με μεγάλη χαρά αναμένουμε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπό μας, κ. Δημήτριο, ο οποίος θα έλθει εις τον Άγιο Φραγκίσκο στις 2 Ιουνίου να ευλογήσει και να παρακολουθήσει το Ρητορικό Φεστιβάλ "Ιωάννης Χρυσόστομος", που γίνεται στην Μητρόπολή μας εφέτος και, για πρώτη φορά στον Καθεδρικό Ναο. Εκπρόσωποι όλων των Μητροπόλεων της Ιεράς μας Αρχιεπισκοπής θα συναγωνιστούν το Σάββατο 3 Ιουνίου αφού μετά την άφιξή τους, το προηγούμενο βράδυ, θα φιλοξενηθούν στην Αγία Τριάδα. Μετά το Ρητορικό Φεστιβάλ, που αρχίζει στις 10:30 το πρωί, θα παρακαθήσουν σε γεύμα, όπου θα ανακοινωθούν τα αποτελέσματα. Θα επακολουθήσει σύντομη επίσκεψις στα αξιοθέατα σημεία του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου, και το Σάββατο βράδυ θα φιλοξενηθούν στον Καθεδρικό Ναό της Αναλήψεως, Όκλανδ.

Την Κυριακή το πρωί ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος θα τελέσει την Θεία Λειτουργία στον Καθεδρικό Ναό του Ευαγγελισμού, όπου θα ευλογήσει και θα αποχαιρετήσει

τους νέους που έλαβαν μέρος στο Ρητορικό Φεστιβάλ. Είναι σημαντικό το γεγονός, και σας προσκαλούμε όπως παρακολουθήσετε το Φεστιβάλ το Σάββατο και όπως πάρετε τις ευχές και ευλογίες του Σεβασμιωτάτου, συμπροσευχόμενοι την Κυριακή, 4 Ιουνίου.

## ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΕΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΑ, 12 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΕΡΟΤΑΣΜΟ ΤΩΝ 85 ΧΡΟΝΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Όπως εσημειώσαμε και στο προηγούμενο μας δελτίο, αναμένουμε με χαρά τον εορτασμό των 85 χρόνων από την ίδρυση του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Όπως είναι γνωστό, η Κοινότης άρχισε το έτος 1921 με πρόεδρο τον Μελέτιο Μεταξάκη, ο οποίος, λίγους μήνες μετά, έγινε ο Οικουμενικός Πατριάρχης. Το όνομα της Κοινότητας τότε ήταν "Αγία Σοφία." Το έτος 1936 ονομάστηκε "Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου," όπως λέγεται μέχρι σήμερα. Πάντως, μαζί με την ίδρυση το Καθεδρικού Ναού, σημειώνεται από τον πρόεδρο ότι η έδρα της Εκκλησίας για τις Δυτικές Πολιτείες θα είναι ο Άγιος Φραγκίσκος, όπως γράφουν τα πρακτικά της συνεδρίας της 19ης Μαΐου του 1921.

Γι' αυτό τον σκοπό, και επειδή η

Ελληνική παροικία "έδωσε" στην Πόλη δύο δημάρχους ελληνικής καταγωγής, τον Γιώργο Χρισταφίλη, και τον Αρτ' Άγνος, ο δήμαρχος του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου παρεχώρησε το Δημαρχείο για τον εορτασμό. Ο εορτασμός αυτός θα λάβει χώραν την Κυριακή, 12 Νοεμβρίου, με δεξίωση από τον δήμαρχο και δείπνο κάτω από τον μεγάλο θόλο του Δημαρχείου. Για ακόμη μια φορά, θα μας τιμήσει με την παρουσία του ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος, ο οποίος θα είναι και το τιμώμενο πρόσωπο στον εορτασμό. Μετά από δεξίωση και το δείπνο, θα επακολουθήσουν μουσική, παραστάσεις, και λίγες ομιλίες.

Σε λίγες ημέρες θα σταλεί μια ενημερωτική κάρτα, και, κατά τις αρχές του Σεπτεμβρίου, το προσκλητήριο.

## Η ΕΛΕΝΗ ΜΟΥΓΚΙΑ ΜΗΤΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ

Το Σάββατο 13 Μαΐου, αφού παρακάθησαν 300 και άνω άτομα για το γεύμα και φάσιον σόου που γίνεται κάθε χρόνο αναφορικά με την Εορτή της Μητέρας, ανακήρύχθηκε "Μητέρα του Έτους" η Ελένη Κοφαγεωργίου Μουγκία. Η

Ελένη τυγχάνει μέλος της Κοινότητας από τότε που λεγότανε Αγία Σοφία. Μάλιστα, ήταν 5 ετών τότε που ιδρύθηκε. Παντρεύτηκε το 1937 και έκαμε 5 παιδιά. Παρά ταύτα βρήκε τον χρόνο να ψάλλει στην χορωδία και να είναι ενεργό μέλος της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας.

Η Ελένη έχει 19 εγγόνια και 26 δισέγγονα, όλα βαπτισμένα στην Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία. Αφού την παρουσιάσαμε, η Ελένη ευχαρίστησε όλους για την τιμή αυτή και ετόνισε ότι η Εκκλησία και η Οικογένεια ήταν πάντα η φροντίδα της και η αγάπη της. Πιστεύει ακράδαντα στον Θεό, και οφείλει σ' Αυτόν ό,τι μπορεί να επιτύχει στη ζωή της. Γι' αυτό ήταν φυσικό (δεν το επέβαλελ) τα παιδιά, τα εγγόνια, και τα δισέγγεονά της να ακολουθήσουν την Ορθόδοξη Πίστη και να συνεχίσουν τις παραδόσεις της πατροπαράδοτες, της Εκκλησίας μας και του Γένους μας.

Η Ελένη είναι, πραγματικά, μία άξια μητέρα και γιαγιά, ένα λαμπρό παράδειγμα για όλους. Της ευχόμαστε τα βέλτιστα, και ομοφώνως της λέμε, 'Αξια!

**ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ, ΣΤΙΣ 29, 30  
ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ,  
1 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ**

Το εφετινό Φεστιβάλ, αντί 15, 16, και 17 Σεπτεμβρίου, θα γίνει,

λόγω πολλών συμβάντων στον 'Αγιο Φραγκίσκο εκείνες τις ημέρες, το τέλος του μηνός, δηλαδή την Παρασκευή 29 Σεπτεμβρίου, το Σάββατο 30 Σεπτεμβρίου και την Κυριακή 1 Οκτωβρίου. Όπως ανακοινώσαμε σε προηγούμενο δελτίο, την ηγεσία του Φεστιβάλ έχει αναλάβει η Φούλα Βασιλογιώργη, μαζί με μια 15μελή επιτροπή. Στο επόμενο δελτίο θα τυπώσουμε τις ημερομηνίες που θα ετοιμασθούν τα διάφορα φαγητά και γλυκίσματα.



*Let your prayer be  
completely simple,  
for both the Publican  
and the Prodigal Son  
were reconciled  
by a single purpose.*

*Saint John Climacus  
Sixth Century, Mount Sinai*

**B**reakfast is one of the most neglected meals, yet it is important because it takes place at the beginning of the day. During those hours the family often seems to be simply running a relay race, to get everyone ready in time for work or school. Nonetheless, apart from morning prayer, which goes without saying, it would benefit children to begin the day with even five minutes' experience of their mother's and father's concern, love, and interest in what everyone is going to do that day. When a child leaves for school the mother can bless him, or pray: "God bless" or "the Mother of God be with you." All this does not only further psychological security; it is a safeguard against any negative influences the child may meet, and it is a link between the two worlds of home and school.

Sister Magdalen

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# JUNE CALENDAR

<b>Thursday, June 1</b>	10 a.m.	Ascension, Divine Liturgy
	7 p.m.	Learning Community
<b>Friday, June 2</b>		Archbishop, Finalists arrive for National Oratorical Festival
<b>Saturday, June 3</b>	10:30 a.m.	Archdiocese Oratorical Festival
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	10 a.m.	Archbishop Demetrios of America celebrating Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b>	7 p.m.	Meeting of Dance Group, parents, dancers
<b>Wednesday, June 7</b>		Spiritual Court
<b>Thursday, June 8</b>	7 p.m.	Learning Community, Girls Basketball Pizza Night
<b>Saturday, June 10</b>	10 a.m.	Saturday of Souls, Liturgy at Cemetery Chapel, Cathedral Concert Series
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>		Pentecost Sunday, Sunday School Graduation
<b>Thursday, June 15</b>	7 p.m.	Last Learning Community
<b>Saturday, June 17</b>	10 a.m.	Community Link
<b>Sunday, June 18</b>		All Saint's Day; Father's Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	7 p.m.	Parish Council
<b>Sundays</b>	9 a.m.	Inquirers' Class,
	noon-1:30 p.m.	Bible Study (in Greek)
<b>Tuesdays and Sundays</b>		Dance Practice as Scheduled
<b>Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</b>		Basketball practice as scheduled
<b>Wednesday evenings</b>	6:30 p.m.	Byzantine Chant

## LOOKING AHEAD DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday School  
resumes  
**September 10**

Basketball Awards  
Banquet  
**September 20**

2006 Food Festival  
**September 29, 30,  
October 1**

85th Anniversary  
Gala  
**Sunday, November  
12**

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